can be challenged under those laws. Further, rights thereunder are restricted to the territorial boundary of that country. Whenever information is received about patents being taken on certain products which are not considered patentable, steps are taken to assess whether grant of patent can be challenged. An exercise is going on to assess whether the grant of this patent can be challenged.

**एच.एम.टी. अजमेर के कर्मचारियों को बकाया राशि का भुगतान**

2065. **श्री ओंकार सिंह लखावत** :क्या उद्योग मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे किः

(क) क्या एच.एम.टी. अजमेर स्वैच्छिक सेवानिवृत्ति लेने वाले तथा साथ ही अधिवार्षिता की आयु प्राप्त करने वाले कर्मचारियों को भविष्य निधि, ग्रेच्युटी, छुट्टी नकदीकरण तथा एक माह के सेटलमेंट भत्ते का भुगतान अभी तक नहीं किया गया हैं;

(ख) उक्त राशि कब से बकाया हैं;

(ग) क्या एच.एम.टी. को सरकार से उक्त राशि प्राप्त हो चुकी हैं;

(घ) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या हैं; और

(ड.) सेवानिवृत्ति कर्मचारियों को बकाया राशि का भुगतान कब तक कर दिया जाएगा?

**उद्योग मंत्री (श्री सिकन्दर बख्त) :** (क) एच.एम.टी. की अजमेर यूनिट के कर्मचारियों को जो सेवानिवृत्ति की आयु पूरी होने पर सेवानिवृत्त हुए हैं को देय राशि बकाया नहीं हैं। वीआरएस के तहत सेवानिवृत्त हुए कर्मचारियों को देयराशि नीचे दी गई हैं:-

| सं. | | देयराशि (रूपए) | |
|---|---|---|---|
| (i) 1 | भविष्य निधि | 59597 | |
| | उपदान | 35221 | |
| | लीव इनकेशमेन्ट | 247 | |
| | सेटलमेन्ट भत्ता | 3213 | |
| | | | 98278 |
| (ii) 5 | भविष्य निधि | शून्य | |
| | उपदान | 588167 | |
| | लीव इनकेशमेन्ट | 109602 | |
| | सेटलमेन्ट भत्ता | 37732 | |
| | | | 735501 |
| कुलः- | | | 833779 |

(ख) ऊपर (i) मे उल्लिखित पूर्व कर्मचारी के मामले में, उत्तराधिकारी प्रमाणपत्र के मामले में जिला एवं सत्र न्यायाधीश द्वारा लगाए गए रोक के मद्देनजर 30.5.1992 से राशि देय है। ऊपर (ii) मे उल्लिखित 15 कर्मचारियों मे से 12 कर्मचारियों के मामले में 31.3.1998 से भुतान देय हैं और शेष 3 के मामले में 30.6.98 से देय हैं।

(ग) और (घ) 3 वित्तीय वर्षो के दौरान भारत सरकार ने वी आर एस के उद्देश्य के लिए एचएमटी को राशि निम्नानुसार जारी की हैं:-

| वर्ष | राशि (रूपए लाख में) |
|---|---|
| 1996-97 | 1850 |
| 1997-98 | 2550 |
| 1998-99 | 1610 |

एचएमटी फिर इन निधियों को अपनी विभिन्न इकाईयों में वितरित करती है। कभी-कभी सरकार द्वारा दी गई राशि से वी आर एस के लिए आवेदन अधिक हो जाते हैं जिसके लिए वह दी जाती हैं।

(ड.) ऊपर (i) में वार्णित कर्मचारी के मामले में, चूंकि मामला न्यायालय में अधीन हैं इसलिए निर्णय प्राप्त होने पर ही भुगतान किया जा सकेगा। शेष 15 मामलों में एचएमटी शीघ्र ही भुगतान करेगी।

**Rajasthan Electronics and Instrument Ltd. Kota**

2066. SHRI ONKAR SINGH LAKHAWAT: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the year-wise total value of production in terms of crores of rupees made by

Rajasthan Electronics and Instruments Ltd., Kota during the years 1995-96 and 1996-97, alongwith the year-wise profit or loss thereof;

(b) whether Government are contemplating formulation of any scheme for improving the performance of Rajasthan Eectronics and Instruments Ltd., Kota;

(c) if so the details thereof; and

(d) what afforts are being made to reduce the cost as wall as to improve the quality of equipment produced in the said company?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI SUKHBIR SINGH BADAL): (a) Value of production and profits made by Rajasthan Electronics and Instruments Ltd., Jaipur (REIL) during the years 1995-96 and 1996-97 are as follows;

(Rs. in crores)

| Year | Production | Profit before tax |
|---|---|---|
| 1995-96 | 11.43 | 8.18 |
| 1996-97 | 16.94 | 0.02 |

(b) and (c) The Company has entered into manufacture of electronic energy maters with Government assistance. In addition, the Company is diversifying into Information Technology.

(d) REIL has been able to improve quality by installing quality systems for which the Company has been accredited with ISO-9001 certificate. Further, the Company has been able to reduce cast of production by introduction of value based techniques and improvement in procurement of raw materials.

**Protection to Small Seale Units**

2067. SHRIMATI BASANTI SARMA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of small scale units functioning in the country as on 31th January, 1999;

(b) the State-wise details of units closed and the number of such units running in losses, separately, out of it; and

(c) the steps taken, so far, by Govern ment to give full protection to the Small Scale industry in the country?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI SIKANDER BAKHT): (a) and (b) Since registration of small scale units is voluntary such data are not being maintained. However, Government have conducted a census of registered small scale units for the base year 1987-88 which revealed that out of 9,86,861 units registered upto 31.3.88 the number of closed units were 3,04,856. The state-wise break-up of registered and closed units is given in the statement. (See *below)*

(c) The Government has taken a number of steps from time to time to give full protection to small scale industries in the country which include (i) policy measures for reservation of items for exclusive manufacture in small scale sector, (ii) Reservation of items for exclusive purchase from SSI Sector by Government (iii) marketing support through National Small industries Coporation. State Small industries Development Corporation, (iv) fiscal concessions in the form of excise relief, (v) entrepreneurship development, (vi) technical support through inspection, guidance, workshop facilities, testing centres Tool Rooms and Product-cum-Pro-cess Development Centres, (vii) infras-tructural support by the State Government through developed industrial plots, sheds (viii) Cradit to SSI under priority sector lending programme of the banks, financial and equity support through financial institutions.